By the King.

¶ A Proclamation for reſtraint of diſorderly and vnneceſſary reſort to the Court.

THe Kings moſt Excellent Maieſty, hauing taken into His Princely conſideration, the many inconuentences which may fall out by the vnlimited concourſe of people of all ſorts to His Court, or the Townes or Pariſhes neere the ſame, eſpecially at this time, and in this ſeaſon of the yeere, which growes euery day more dangerous for increaſing the infection, already begun in the Citie of London, and Confines of the ſame; And being graciouſly and prouidently carefull to take away and preuent all occaſions tending thereunto, hath thought fit by aduice of His Priuie Councell, by this Proclamation to publiſh and declare his Royall pleaſure and commandement concerning the ſame, That although his Maieſtie cannot but conceiue great ioy and contentment, when His louing Subiects, out of their loyall and dutifull affections towards him, ſhall deſire to ſee the Perſons of Himſelfe, or of his deare Conſort the Queene, who is (by Gods bleſſing) ſhortly to come ouer into England; yet, in his Princely care of his people, Hee is contented to diſpence with thoſe publike ſhewes of their zeale, chearefulnes, and alacritie at this time, leſt the preſent occaſions of ioy and reioycing, ſhould produce a contrary effect, by diſperſing the Infection into other parts of the Realme, where his Maieſtie ſhall keepe his Royall Court and reſidence.

And therefore his Maieſtie doth hereby ſtraitly charge and command, That aſwell in the Journey, which Himſelfe ſhortly intendeth to Douer in Kent, for the reception of his deare Conſort, the Queene, at Her arriuall, as alſo in His, and Her Maieſties returne from thence, and in all other Journeys and Progreſſes, which they or either of them ſhall make this Summer now enſuing, till they ſhall returne to a ſtanding houſe in Winter, No perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, not being thereunto called or appointed, or not hauing ſpeciall cauſe of perſonall attendance at the Court for his Maieſties ſeruice, or for ſome neceſſary occaſion of extremity concerning their owne eſtate, doe preſume to follow, or reſort to the Court with Petitions, or vpon other pretence, or vnto any Citie, Towne, Village, or priuate houſe within twelue miles of the ſame, as they tender his Maieſties diſpleaſure, and will anſwere for the ſame, as contemners of this his Maieſties inſt and Royall commandement. And whereas many of his Maieſties louing Subiects haue been heretofore wont to reſter the Court, vnder colour of repairing thither for healing the diſeaſe called The Kings Euill, His Maieſtie doth hereby publiſh and declare his pleaſure, That vntill Michaelmas next, and after His Coronation ſhall be ſolemnized, He will not admit any perſon or perſons to come to the Court for healing; And doth ſtraitly charge and forbid, That no perſon or perſons doe in the meane time preſume to importune his Maieſtie in that behalfe: And for auoyding many, and great abuſes in that behalfe, his Maieſty doth ſtraitly charge and command, That no perſon or perſons doe at any time hereafter reſort to his Maieſtie, or His Court for healing of that diſeaſe, without bringing a Certificate from the Miniſter, and Churchwardens of the Pariſh wherein they inhabite, or ſome other neighbours of more eminent quality, expreſſing the time they haue been troubled with that infirmity, and that they haue not at any time before been healed by

his Maieſtie, or the late King: And to auoid the great diſorder of poore people, who are vſed to come flocking into the high wayes, and ſtreetes, where his Maieſtie is to trauell, vnder colour of reliefe from the Almoner, his Maieſtie hath taken order, that in all the Townes and Pariſhes, through which hee ſhall paſſe, his Maieſties ſayd Almoner ſhall deliuer his Maieſties Almes to the Ouerſeers of the Poore, to be diſtributed amongſt them, for their better & more equall reliefe, then they ſhould receiue by comming abroad in that diſhonourable & vndecent maner; which therfore his Maieſty ſtraitly chargeth and commandeth them to forbeare, and all Maiors, Sheriffes, Juſtices of Peace, Conſtables, and other Officers, to take due care of accordingly. And for other wandering poore, Vagabonds, Rogues, and ſuch like baſe and vnruly people, which peſter the high way, and make it their Trade or profeſſion to liue by begging, pilfering, or other vnlawfull ſhifting, his Maieſtie doth hereby ſtraitly charge and command, aſwell the Knight Marſhall of his houſhold and his deputies, as all Maiors, Sheriffes, Juſtices of Peace, Conſtables, and other his Maieſties Officers and louing Subiects, to cauſe ſuch as bee Impotent, to bee forthwith returned into their owne Countreys, and ſuch as be able to labour, to bee ſent to the houſes of Correction, or otherwiſe ordered according to the Lawes: To which end alſo, his Maieſtie likewiſe chargeth and commandeth the ſayd Sheriffes, Juſtices, and other Officers, to cauſe diligent watch by night, and ward by day to be kept by honeſt and ſubſtantiall houſholders, in euery Citie, Towne, Village, and Pariſh, through which his Maieſty ſhall paſſe, and within twelue miles compaſſe of his Maieſties paſſage or Court, aſwell to be ready vpon all occaſions to ſuppreſſe diſorders and breaches of the Peace, as to make ſpeciall ſearch for all ſuch perſons, as ſhall pretend themſelues to bee his Maieſties Seruants, or followers of the Court, and craue Lodging without hauing Billets for the ſame, and to apprehend all ſuch as they ſhall finde ſo lodged or entertained, & not billeted, and to bring them before the Knight Marſhal, or his deputy, and in all other things to be aſſiſting to him and them concerning the premiſſes, for all occaſions of his Maieſties ſeruice.

And becauſe his Maieſtie findeth much diſorder in ſome of his owne ſeruants, in vnneceſſary peſtering of the Court, when there is no cauſe for their attendance or imployment, his Maieſty ſtraitly forbiddeth, That any of his ſeruants do either in this Journey of his Maieſties intended to Douer, or elſewhere in his Summers Progreſſe, or vntil his Maieſtie ſhal come to keepe a ſtanding houſe in winter, reſort to the Court, except ſuch onely of his Maieſties ſeruants, as are, or ſhall be ſet downe in the Liſte, or ſhall be allowed for ſeruice within doores, and aboue ſtaires, by the Lord Chamberlaine of his Maieſties honourable houſhold, or beloꝛo ſtaires, by the Treaſurer and Comptroller of the houſhold, or for ſeruice without doores by the Knight Marſhall, vpon paine of his Maieſties diſpleaſure, and incurring the Cenſure of a high contempt.

And to the end his Maieſties Royall pleaſure herein before declared, may bee in all points obſerued, his Maieſtie ſtraitly chargeth and commandeth his Knight Marſhall, and all Maiors, Sheriffes, Juſtices of Peace, Conſtables, Headboroughs, Bayliffes, and other his Maieſties Officers whatſoeuer, to ſee all things concerning the premiſſes, carefully performed, and put in due execution, according to the dueties of their ſeuerall places, as they and euery of them will anſwere for any their neglects herein, at their vttermoſt perils.

Giuen at the Court at White-Hall, the ſeuenteenth day of May, in the firſt yeere of his Maieſties Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God ſaue the King.

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